

CITY OF MEDINA
Park Board Meeting

September 19, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

Call to Order

The September 19, 2005, Park Board meeting was called to order by Park Board Chair, Connie Gerlitz, at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Connie Gerlitz, Vice Chair Lisa Fleischman
Boardmembers Roger Ngouenet and Karen Sparks

Absent: Steve Brustkern, Heija Nunn, and Susannah Stuart

Staff Present: Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; and Rachel Baker,
Administrative Assistant

Minutes

JULY 18, 2005, PARK BOARD MINUTES APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7:06 PM.
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Audience Participation
(Non-agenda items only)

No audience in attendance.

Park Reports (7:06 pm)

Sparks and Fleischman reported receiving positive feedback about the 82nd Street parking lot repaving project. Sparks said she noticed gravel has spread through the lot. Willis said Public Works intends to install shrubs to prevent that. Responding to Sparks, Willis conveyed the dog wash station was ordered and would be installed on the south side near catch basin on corner.

Sparks said the 84th Street and Lake Lane docks look good.

Gerlitz iterated Stuart's report of graffiti at Viewpoint Park and Willis indicated he would attend to it.

Ngouenet commented a fox was spotted in Medina Park and reported to police. Ngouenet requested the grassy area behind tennis court in Medina Park be mowed and maintained for soccer use.

In response to Fleischman, Willis said Public Works recently received the fabric to line ramps at Medina Park and would check into costs for auto shut off faucets in restrooms.

Gerlitz inquired about Indian Trail repair and Willis said plantings were started opposite the storm project location on the west side, north of Northeast 26th and fabric would be laid and chips extended during fall.

Gerlitz questioned if plantings would be installed to screen property owners located south of Northeast 24th and east of Indian Trail from trail users. Willis indicated he would discuss further with Pat Crickmore.

Gerlitz asked about work completed by Earth Corps in Fairweather, and suggested Willis contact the organization to report work performed was ineffective controlling native plants. Willis said he would call the organization.

Gerlitz recommended filling or permanently covering an old well on the north side of Fairweather to prevent children from playing in/near it. Willis conveyed he would follow up on the request with Pat Crickmore.

Other Business

Park Signs (7:28 pm)

Board agreed to reduce/consolidate number of park signs in Medina Park and Medina Beach Park. Gerlitz suggested members walk through parks, take an inventory and bring to next meeting. Ngouenet suggested taking pictures to review during future meeting. Sparks suggested combining Purell, Mutt Mitts, leashes and signs in one location.

Gerlitz asked Willis to create a consolidated sign (and include modified ordinance rules) and provide location suggestions for discussion during the next meeting.

Medina Park Playground Improvement Update (7:38 pm)

Willis said the four pieces of play equipment were ordered and a Small Works request has been announced to remove old play equipment and prepare site for new equipment.

Fleischman distributed an update from playground committee, and said committee was successful soliciting contributions for additional play equipment and is waiting to be notified by Medina Days Committee of available additional funds.

Fleischman reported a new bid for fill and edging came in significantly above original estimate and the project is over budget. Willis said his cost estimates for site preparation are above the newest contractor's bid and would contact committee to discuss estimates and project coordination.

Discussion followed about remaining Park Board budget and Work Plan items.

Medina Park Off-Leash Area Update (8:02 pm)

Board discussed newly adopted ordinance. Gerlitz stated someone with the authority to issue tickets should be in park to enforce park rules. Gerlitz indicated she would speak to police chief about deputizing or having a police presence in the park. Discussion followed about positive police influence in the park.

New Business

Medina Park Docents (8:12 pm)

Gerlitz said she would contact Allyson Jackson to determine if she has coordinated a docent effort or received interest from the community.

MOTION FLEISCHMAN AND SECOND SPARKS TO TABLE DISCUSSION, MOTION PASSED 4-0, 8:31 PM.

2006 Work Plan (8:32 pm)

Willis stated there would be \$50,000 preliminary Park Board budget for 2006 and suggested the Board prepare a preliminary Work Plan in October to prepare for Council's budget review.

Sparks suggested combining Fairweather playfield, parking lot and stairway improvements together, and Willis said he would prepare a cost estimate for further discussion during the next meeting.

Ngouenet inquired about basketball hoop installation at Fairweather and Gerlitz requested Willis proceed with the improvement.

Gerlitz asked Willis to determine tennis court lighting cost estimate.

Sparks inquired about step/ramp installation at Lake Lane dock for improved dog/child access. She said a citizen noted dogs could enter lake at both public docks, but exiting the water is difficult. Board agreed to add to list of potential improvements in order to gather opinions. Fleischman followed up about distance marker sign installation at Medina Park, and Gerlitz said it could be discussed at a future meeting.

Gerlitz indicated she would contact absent boardmembers for additional improvement ideas and summarized discussion topics suggested for the next meeting:

- Tennis court lighting,
- Fairweather stadium and parking lot area design,
- Unopened 26th Street and other pocket parks,
- Trail markers
- Improved access for children and dogs at public docks, and
- Park signs

Adjournment

MOTION AND SECOND TO ADJOURN SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 PARK BOARD MEETING, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 8:56 PM.

The September 19, 2005, Park Board meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by:

Rachel Baker
Administrative Assistant